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1. AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN THOMSON CALLED TCO MAY 27 TO EXPRESS HIS STRONG FEELINGS RE ALLEGED DELAYS IN ISSUANCE CAB CERTIFICATE TO PACIFIC WESTERN FOR DIRECT VANCOUVER-SEATTLE SERVICE, A CANADIAN ROUTE FOR WHICH HE STATED PWA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE GOC. THOMSON'S FEELINGS WERE PARTICULARLY AROUSED BY FOLLOWING ARTICLE DISTRIBUTED BY CANADIAN PRESS AND PUBLISHED IN TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL FOR MAY 26 UNDER TITLE "'DIRECT' VANCOUVER-SEATTLE FLIGHT VISITS VICTORIA OVER TECHNICALITY". QUOTE. PASSENGERS TAKING PACIFIC WESTERN AIRLINES NEW DIRECT SERVICE TO SEATTLE FROM VANCOUVER ARE GETING SOMETHING UNEXPECTED FOR THEIR FARE--A LANDING IN VICTORIA.

THE PLANE DOES NOT TAXI TO THE TERMINAL OR ALLOW PASSENGERS TO DISEMBARK IN VICTORIA. THE PILOTS JUST LAND THEIR BOEING 737 JETS, TAXI DOWN THE RUNWAY, THEN TAKEOFF FOR SEATTLE.

THE TOKEN LANDING IS REPEATED ON THE RETURN TRIP.
GLEN GARVIN, PWA PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, SAYS THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE AIRLINE IS FLYING THAT ROUTE TO SIDESTEP AN

UNEXPECTED DELAY IN OFFICIAL U.S. APPROVAL OF THE VANCOUVER-SEATTLE RUN.
CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR APPORTIONED SEVERAL NEW AIR ROUTES BETWEEN AIRLINES IN THE TWO COUNTRIES, PWA GETING THE VANCOUVER-SEATTLE RUN. HOWEVER, ALL BILATERAL AGREEMENTS MUSTBE SIGNED BY U.S. PRESIDENT GERALD FORD TO BECOME OFFICIAL AND THE PRESIDENT STILLHAS NOT SIGNED. END QYOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INVESTIGATE MATTER AND ADVISE EMBASSY WHAT RESPONSE MAY BE MADE TO THOMSON. SEND REPLY INFO VANCOUVER AND CALGARY. PORTER

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